



# FACT SHEET

## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

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### SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE

#### Mission

The primary mission of Scott Air Force Base is global mobility. The base commands and controls all logistics of United States military in air, over land and across the sea. Team Scott sets policies and executes all air mobility operations. The installation is responsible for providing United States aeromedical evacuation capabilities, fly operational support airlift in the C-21, and air refueling missions in the KC-135. Scott Air Force Base supplies forces to theater combatant commanders.

#### 375th Airlift Wing

Scott Air Force Base has been in the aeromedical evacuation business since Aug. 24, 1918, when a converted JN-4D "Jenny" from Scott carried its first patient, a cadet with a fractured leg. On June 1, 1964, the 1405th Air Base at Scott was renamed the 1405th Aeromedical Transport Wing, and was later absorbed by the 375th Aeromedical Airlift Wing, a direct reporting unit of, then, the Military Airlift Command.

The 375th Airlift Wing has managed the domestic aeromedical evacuation system since 1975 by providing timely airlift of seriously ill or injured military personnel, military family members and other Department of Defense patients to medical treatment centers.

The wing's Operational Support Airlift fleet consists of 50 C-21A Learjets stationed here and at Geographically Separated Units at other Air Force bases throughout the United States providing transportation for government officials, cargo requiring time-sensitive airlift, and single patient aeromedical evacuation.

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld described the 375th AW's mission as unique and transformational, praising Scott as a joint base and one that has complete "Total Force" representation.

The 375th Airlift Wing hosts some of the nation's most important organizations – including three headquarters, a Reserve airlift wing, and an Air National Guard refueling wing. In total, there are 24 tenant units on Scott.

#### Flying Mission at Scott

Scott Air Force Base maintains an airport with an 8,000-foot runway, an Air Traffic Control Tower (built in 1997), and 22 home-based aircraft.

C-21A (8 total) – The C-21A is the military version of the Learjet 35A

- Wing owns all US-based C-21s, 50 total aircraft, operating out of 8 locations throughout the US

- Mission provides cargo and passenger airlift; carries 8 passengers
- Maintained by Vertex Corp (formerly Raytheon)

C-9A Nightingale (3 total) – The C-9A is a modified version of Boeing DC-9, and is the only aircraft in the Air Force inventory specifically designed for movement of litter and ambulatory patients.

- Flown and maintained by the 932nd Airlift Wing
- Can carry 40 litter patients or 40 ambulatory and four litter patients, or combinations
- Maneuvers a hydraulically-operated folding ramp, a separate ventilation system and medical refrigerator
- Crew: 1 pilot, 1 co-pilot, 2 flight nurses, 3 Aeromedical Evacuations technicians, and 1 flying crew chief

KC-135E (11 total) – The KC-135E is a modified Boeing 707

- The mission is to provide air refueling to virtually all Air Force, Army and Navy aircraft
- Flown and maintained by the 126th Air National Guard
- Max offload is 200,000 lbs. of fuel

#### MidAmerica Airport

- Built as a cooperative and mutually beneficial effort
- Airport has the ability to ship and receive cargo and passengers
- 10,000 ft. parallel runway with conjoining taxiway
- Great Plains Airlines began service Oct. 7, 2003

#### **Tenant Headquarters**

**U.S. Transportation Command** — A Joint Unified Command, US TRANSCOM provides the transportation, distribution and sustainability that makes possible the projection of United States national power, and ensures our global influence. Five percent of Scott AFB's active duty are military services other than Air Force. The command oversees 1,365 aircraft, 131 ships and 2,216 railroad cars and related equipment.

**Air Mobility Command** — AMC's mission is to provide airlift, air refueling, special air mission and aeromedical evacuation for all United States forces. Globally, nearly 140,000 men and women of AMC — active, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve and civilians — provide global airlift and aerial refueling for all of America's armed forces.

**Defense Information Systems Agency** — DISA plans, develops, fields, operates and supports Communications, Command, Control and Intelligence systems that serve the Department of Defense and the joint warfighter.

**Air Force Communication Agency** — The Air Force Communications Agency is a field-operating agency reporting directly to the Headquarters U.S. Air Force Deputy Chief of Staff for Warfighting Integration, Washington, D.C. Approximately 500 active-duty military members and civilian personnel are assigned to AFCA's headquarters.